



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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For Crop Week Ending Sunday, March 24, 2013

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.0
Soil moisture supplies: 4% very short, 12% short, 77% adequate and 7% surplus

Field Crops Report
Spring plowing continued to progress as fields started to dry out. Corn planting continued to increase to 86% complete, 28% above the 5 year average. Rice planting continues, some parishes had to replant due to birds and cold weather. Heavy winter rains, water logged soils, and cloudy, cool days have damaged and delayed wheat progress. Sugarcane farmers are working land and spraying fields with herbicides and scouting for rust.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Producers continued harvesting and spraying strawberries. Vegetable producers planted tomatoes, bell peppers, squashes, and cucumbers. Crawfish producers are starting to catch crawfish as conditions improve.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
With spring grass beginning emerged, the livestock situation continues to improve. Farmer started fertilizing pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	62	43	44	49
Corn	Planted	86	56	59	58
	Emerged	20	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sorghum	Planted	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rice	Planted	53	25	23	19
Winter Wheat	Headed	14	12	53	18

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	5	12	40	38	5
Livestock	2	5	43	46	4
Vegetables	2	13	51	31	3
Pasture	3	17	46	32	2
Winter Wheat	1	4	46	44	5



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/18/13 TO 03/24/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			YR. TO DATE	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS			
1. Northwest									
LSU-Bossier City	80	44	62	58	0.02	1.20	10.22	12.65	
Minden	78	43	57	57	0.05	1.40	11.60	13.80	
Mooringsport	76	42	56	MM	1.34	2.53	11.23	11.74	
Shreveport South	81	44	59	MM	0.26	1.32	9.88	MM.MM	
Extreme/Average	81	42	58	58	0.42	1.61	10.73	12.97	
2. North-Central									
LSU-Calhoun	82	(37)	56	59	0.25	1.29	15.21	15.03	
Homer/Hill Farm	MM	MM	MM	57	2.23	3.12	13.00	14.02	
Farmerville	79	40	55	MM	0.98	3.56	15.78	MM.MM	
Extreme/Average	82	37	56	59	0.62	2.43	15.78	14.91	
3. Northeast									
Lake Providence	79	40	55	57	1.77	3.07	19.95	15.84	
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	60	0.00	2.62	18.81	16.14	
Tallulah	MM	MM	MM	58	0.75	2.90	22.22	15.94	
Extreme/Average	79	40	55	59	0.84	M.MM	MM.MM	15.78	
4. West-Central									
Leesville	(88)	40	63	60	0.22	0.73	17.48	14.52	
Ashland	MM	MM	MM	58	0.00	1.19	9.00	14.63	
Hodges Gardens	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.29	1.28	15.24	14.50	
Extreme/Average	88	40	63	60	0.17	1.01	16.36	14.28	
5. Central									
Alexandria	80	48	63	61	0.14	0.60	20.07	15.45	
Jonesville Locks	83	47	64	59	0.67	3.60	25.66	15.78	
Eunice	84	46	64	63	0.22	2.05	28.51	14.82	
Bunkie	84	45	63	61	0.08	3.82	26.30	15.76	
New Roads 5 NE	MM	MM	MM	61	0.02	0.65	26.08	15.85	
Extreme/Average	84	45	63	61	0.23	2.14	25.24	15.42	
6. East-Central									
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.26	3.34	20.54	MM.MM	
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.08	4.73	27.79	16.15	
LSU-Hammond	82	40	62	61	0.00	3.37	26.48	16.40	
Slidell	81	44	64	62	0.02	3.34	14.61	16.13	
Extreme/Average	82	40	63	62	0.01	3.36	20.55	16.28	
7. Southwest									
DeRidder	86	46	62	61	0.11	1.87	17.70	15.08	
Jennings	81	48	65	62	0.26	3.19	25.44	13.45	
LSU-Crowley	81	46	63	62	0.22	3.78	25.24	13.81	
Oberlin Fire Tow	82	45	63	63	0.12	2.02	18.81	15.58	
Extreme/Average	86	45	63	63	0.18	3.00	23.16	13.45	
8. South-Central									
Donaldsonville	81	46	65	62	0.03	3.43	21.94	14.40	
LSU-Jeanerette	80	49	65	62	0.07	6.12	22.09	12.86	
Morgan City	79	54	66	62	0.05	1.93	16.85	13.87	
Lafayette	81	46	65	63	0.24	4.16	21.16	14.09	
Extreme/Average	81	46	65	63	0.10	3.91	22.02	13.64	
9. Southeast									
Grand Isle	78	54	68	MM	0.23	1.84	10.23	13.85	
Galliano	79	44	66	63	0.14	3.06	12.25	14.78	
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	65	0.00	1.32	11.03	14.27	
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.04	4.10	25.50	15.18	
Extreme/Average	79	44	67	64	0.12	2.45	11.24	14.98	
State Averages	88	37	62	61	0.29	2.50	18.73	14.59	

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 24, 2013

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